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Closure of section in Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Factory, Kozhikode.

* 379 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 22nd September 1953, from the General Secretary, Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Workers' Union, Puthyara, Malabar, about the closure of the pallet making section in Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Factory resulting in the discharge of 17 workers; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode held Conciliation Proceedings, but conciliation failed. However, it was subsequently reported that the Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Workers' Union was willing to accept the managements' proposal and the Labour Officer's advice to the retrenchment of the juniormost workers to give place to the permanent discharged workers. In view of this, the matter was not pursued further."

Adjudication of the dispute between the workers and the management of Commonwealth Tile Factory.

* 389 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have ordered adjudication on the question of disputes between workers and management of Commonwealth Tile Factory, Puthyara, Kozhikode, Malabar?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that the management of the Commonwealth Tile Factory, Puthyara, did not take the workers back and that it wanted to discharge the workers in order to treat them as casual workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no information on these points. The information I have is that the management and the Union leaders were willing to accept the proposal that 17 casual workers might be retrenched to give place to the 17 permanent workers discharged."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to cover a number of questions in five more minutes. So, I pass on to the next question."

Construction of Madikai-Nileshwar road in Hosdrug, South Kanara.

* 380 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the construction of the Madikai-Nileshwar road in Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara district, will be completed; and